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The member countries at the ITU in 2003 have just voted to allow member countries if they so choose to drop Morse code proficiency test as a requirement. This is the international treaty that the FCC follows for amateurs operating in the United States. They did this because the ITU thought the Morse proficiency examination should not be a requirement for an amateur radio license.

I believe that those who want to use Morse code will do so whether they are formally tested or not, but that does not mean we must insist that every license HF Ham must be able to pass the Morse code proficiency test in order to be issue a General or Extra class Amateur Radio License.

The FCC should follow the lead of the ITU and drop the Morse proficiency examination requirement in order to issue a General or Extra class Amateur Radio License.

I also would request that there would be NO automatic upgrades in license class.

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